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GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY --

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECIDED WITHOUT OBJECTION DECEMBER 16 TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA "THAT THE UN IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ITS OFFER" OF OFFICE SPACE AT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL CENTER BEING BUILT AT DONAUPARK. OTHER COMMITTEE 5 RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED WERE: I, EQUALIZING PENSION BENEFITS FOR MEN AND WOMEN -- 106-0-10(BLOC); II, URGING MORE PENSION FUND INVESTMENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES -- 113-0-6(BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, ISRAEL, UK); AND III, SUGGESTING THAT CARE BE TAKEN TO AVOID INVESTMENT LOSSES DUE TO CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS -- WITHOUT OBJECTION. IN A DRAFT DECISION WHICH WAS ADOPTED 75-18(US, EC-9)-21, THE PENSION BOARD WAS REQUESTED TO PRESENT AT THE CURRENT SESSION INFORMATION ON THE NATIONALITY OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, "IN THE SAME FORM" AS AT THE 1973 ASSEMBLY. THE QUESTION OF PENSION COVERAGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT WAS DEFERRED TO NEXT YEAR BY VOTE OF 112-5(ARGENTINA, EGYPT, INDIA, URUGUYA, YUGOSLAVIA)-3(MAURITANIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TANZANIA), BUT THE ASSEMBLY AGREED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO A DEATH AND DISABILITY COVERAGE PLAN FOR THE INSPECTORS. THE ASSEMBLY TOOK NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION AND WITHOUT OBJECTION ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

ROSSIDES (CYPRUS), COMMENTING ON THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION, URGED THAT, A FUTURE SESSIONS, THE REPORT BE DISCUSSED AS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT ITEM AND NOT TREATED IN A PERFUNCTORY MANNER. HE CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S WARNING THAT IF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FAILED IN THE AREA OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY, ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS WOULD BE MEANINGLESS.

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WITHOUT OBJECTION DECEMBER 15, THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED REPORT ON VIENNA IN PATTERN OF CONFERENCES AND TOOK NOTE OF APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL. IN CONSIDERING REVISED ESTIMATES UNDER VARIOUS EXPENDITURE SECTIONS, THERE WAS A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE GENEVA DAY CARE CENTER PROPOSAL. COMMITTEE THEN ADOPTED, 91(US)-0-2(JAPAN, CHAD). AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL, AS AMENDED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM, TO INVITE THE INTERNATIONAL

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE NEED FOR PROVISION OF DAY-CARE FACILITIES FOR DEPENDENTS OF UN STAFF AND REPORT TO THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE COLOMBIAN PROPOSAL TO RESTORE \$57,400 REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE GENEVA DAY CARE CENTER WAS REJECTED, 17-51(US)-20, AS INCONSISTENT WITH THE DECISION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S REVISED ESTIMATES WERE APPROVED 79(US)-10(SOVIET BLOC, COLOMBIA, CONGO)-1(OMAN). THE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE THIRD MEETING OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RECOMMENDED INCLUSION OF ARABIC. FINALLY, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCES. (OURTEL 6861)

SECURITY COUNCIL-ICELAND-UK FISHING DISPUTE

ON DECEMBER 16, THE SECURITY COUNCIL (SC) HEARD STATEMENTS BY ICELAND AND UK ON A COMPLAINT BY ICELAND THAT BRITISH WARSHIPS WERE ILLEGALLY OPERATING IN ICELANDIC WATERS AND THAT AN ICELANDIC VESSEL HAD BEEN RAMMED ON DECEMBER 11 SUFFERING SERIOUS DAMAGE. AT THE START OF THE MEETING, SC PRESIDENT RICHARD (UK) DECIDED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 20, TO VACATE THE CHAIR OF THE PRESIDENT DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION IN WHICH HIS COUNTRY WAS CONNECTED DIRECTLY. HE NOTED THAT THIS MATTER WAS ENTIRELY WITHIN THE PRESIDENT'S DISCRETION AND THAT SC PRESIDENTS HAD NOT OFTEN MADE IT A HABIT TO VACATE THEIR SEATS IN SUCH CASES. THE ONLY PRECEDENT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WAS LORD CARADON (UK) VACATING THE PRESIDENCY IN 1968 WHEN THE SC WAS CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA. HOWEVER, HE DECIDED TO DO LIKEWISE AND INVITED OYONO (CAMEROON) UNCLASSIFIED

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TO TAKE THE CHAIR.

INGVARSSON (ICELAND) STATED THAT ICELAND REQUESTED THIS MEETING TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION IN ICELANDIC WATERS AND CALL ON THE UK TO REFRAIN FROM USING FORCE THERE. ICELAND HAD GRADUALLY BEEN IMPLEMENTING ITS LAW OF 1948 CONCERNING SCIENTIFIC CONSERVATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERIES IN HARMONY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE FINAL STEP OF ESTABLISHING FISHERY LIMITS OF 200 MILES WAS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE 3RD LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) CONFERENCE. THE LIMITED ACTION ICELAND HAD TAKEN COULD NOT BE DELAYED AS DANGEROUS OVERFISHING HAD TAKEN PLACE. ICELAND WAS WILLING TO MAKE TEMPORARY AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER NATIONS ENGAGED IN SUBSTANTIAL FISHING IN THE AREA AND HAD DONE SO WITH BELGIUM AND THE FRG.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UK HAD BROKEN DOWN BECAUSE THE BRITISH HAD MADE EXCESSIVE CLAIMS WHICH WOULD AMOUNT TO ONE HALF THE ALLOWABLE CATCH OF COD. "THAT WAS--AND IS--COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO US AND IS ALSO IMCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PRINCIPLES SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY." WHEN AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED, THE UK "DECIDED TO PROVIDE NAVAL PROTECTION TO ENABLE BRITISH TRAWLERS TO CONTINUE FISHING OFF ICELAND IN THE FACE OF EFFORTS BY ICELANDIC COAST GUARD VESSELS TO STEOP THEM." INGVARSSON READ THE DECEMBER 12 NOTE TO THE UK PROTESTING THE INCIDENT OF DECEMBER 11 "IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS", RESERVING THE RIGHT TO CLAIM REPARATION FOR DAMAGES CAUSED DURING THE INCIDENT AND HOLDING THE UK RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FUTURE DAMAGES. THE INCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE WELL INSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS AND CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION OF ICELAND'S SOVEREIGNTY AS WELL AS "AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SITUATION." ICELAND PROTESTED TO THE SC AGAINST THIS USE OF FORCE WITHIN ITS WATERS AND CALLED ON THE UK TO REFRAIN FROM SUCH ACTIONS.

RICHARD (UK) DEPLORED INCIDENTS OF THE SORT TO WHICH ICELAND REFERRED JUST AS STRONGLY AS ICELAND DID, BUT HE REGRETTED THAT ICELAND FELT IT NECESSARY TO BRING THE MATTER BEFORE THE SC BECAUSE THE CAUSES WHICH UNDERLAY SUCH INCIDENTS WOULD NOT BE REMOVED BY SC DEBATE. RICHARD STATED THAT THE CENTRAL FACT ABOUT THE INCIDENT WAS THAT THE ICELANDIC GUNBOAT OPENED FIRE ON UNARMED VESSELS, WHICH ENTERED UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO SEEK SHELTER FROM SEVERE WEATHER IN ACCORD WITH CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE RAMMING INCIDENTS WERE IN FACT COLLISIONS CAUSED BY THE MANEUVERING OF THE GUNBOAT. SUCH INCIDENTS OCCURRED BECAUSE IT IS THE POLICY OF THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT TO USE ITS COASTGUARD VESSELS TO HARASS BRITISH FISHING BOATS FISHING IN THE WATERS IN WHICH, AS RECENTLY AS JULY 1974, THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) RULED THAT THEY HAD THE RIGHT TO FISH. HE THEN REMINDED THE SC THAT ICJ DECISIONS WERE BINDING ON STATES CONCERNED. AS NO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON THE MATTER HAVE BEEN REACHED SINCE THE ICJ RULING, ICELAND'S UNILATERAL EXTENSION OF ITS FISHING LIMITS WAS UNENFORCEABLE AGAINST BRITISH FISHERMEN, WHOSE HARASSMENT WAS TOTALLY ILLEGAL. RICHARD BLAMED ICELAND FOR THE OVERFISHING, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT ICELAND HAD A PRIOR CLAIM TO THE FISH OFF ICELAND BECAUSE OF ITS DEPENDENCE ON THE FISHING INDUSTRY. BUT DESPITE UK WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE, ICELANDIC GUNBOATS HAD HARASSED BRITISH TRAWLERS AND MADE IT NECESSARY FOR THEUK TO PROVIDE PROTECTION. STILL, THE UK REAFFIRMED ITS READINESS TO SETTLE ITS DIFFERENCES WITH ICELAND BY PEACEFUL MEANS. "LET NEGOTIATIONS RECOMMENCE, FOR WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT, WITH GOODWILL, THE GAP BETWEEN

US CAN BE BRIDGED."

AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER SPEAKERS, THE ACTING PRESIDENT
ADJOURNED DEBATE AT THIS POINT, ALTHOUGH STATING THAT THE
SC WOULD REMAIN SEIZED OF THE MATTER SO THAT DISCUSSION
MIGHT RESUME AT AN APPROPRIATE DATE.

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SECURITY COUNCIL -- TIMOR
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THE SECURITY COUNCIL (SC) CONTINUED DEBATE ON PORTUGAL'S COMPLAINT OF INDONESIAN AGGRESSION IN EAST TIMOR ON DECEMBER 16, HEARING STATEMENTS BY CHINA, AUSTRALIA, AND, UNDER RULE 39, REPRESENTATIVES OF APODETI, UDT, AND KOTA, POLITICAL PARTIES FAVORING UNION WITH INDONESIA. PORTUGAL EXERCISED ITS RIGHT OF REPLY, WHILE INDONESIA RESERVED ITS RIGHT TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

HUANG HUA (PRC) CHARGED THAT INDONESIA HAD CONSTANTLY THREATENED THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR, OPENLY INDICATED THAT IT WOULD UNDERTAKE ARMED INTERVENTION, AND THAT ITS GOAL WAS EAST TIMOR'S ANNEXATION. NOTING THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY, HE CALLED ON THE COUNCIL TO STRONGLY CONDEMN INDONESIA'S INVASION AND ANNEXATION OF TIMOR, SEE THAT INDONESIAN TROOPS WERE WITHDRAWN UNCONDITIONALLY, AND ENSURE THAT ALL STATES RESPECTED EAST TIMOR'S SOVEREIGNTY. SINCE EAST TIMOR HAD ALREADY BECOME INDEPENDENT, INTERNAL MATTERS, INCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD NATURALLY BE SETTLED BY THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR THEMSELVES AND NOT BE SUBJECT TO FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

UDT (UNIAO DEMOCRATICA DE TIMOR) CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER CARRASCALAO DECLARED THAT UDT WAS THE MOST POPULAR PARTY IN TIMOR AND HAD THE BACKING OF 50 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION. IT LEFT ITS COALITION WITH FRETELIN ON LEARNING THAT FRETELIN PLANNED A COUP AND THE ELIMINATION OF OTHER PARTIES. HE DELIVERED A PERSONAL ATTACK ON FRETELIN REPRESENTATIVE HORTA, AND AVOWED THAT UDT CONCLUDED THAT INDEPENDENCE WAS IMPOSSIBLE GIVEN THE "CRUELTY" OF FRETELIN AND THE UNDER-DEVELOPMENT OF TIMOR. INTEGRATION WITH INDONESIA WAS THE ONLY ANSWER, AND IF INDONESIAN TROOPS WERE FORCED TO LEAVE TIMOR THE SITUATION WOULD BECOME "MUCH MORE CHAOTIC" WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

APODETI (ASSOCIAO POPULAR DEMOCRATICA DE TIMOR) PRESIDUM MEMBER GONCALVES DECLARED THAT APODETI HAD THE SUPPORT OF 20 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION AND, UNLIKE FRETELIN, IT HAD NOT USED FORCE TO IMPOSE ITS VIEWS ON THE REST OF THE PEOPLE. APODETI WANTED A CONFERENCE OF ALL PARTIES TO DECIDE TIMOR'S FUTURE, DURING WHICH IT WOULD PURSUE THE AIM OF INTEGRATION WITH INDONESIA. HIS PARTY INVITED INDONESIA TO COME TO
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TIMOR TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM FRETILIN ATROCITIES, AND ALSO INVITED THE UN TO ENSURE THE FREE EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF EAST TIMOR'S PEOPLE.

KOTA (KLIBUR OAN TIMOR ASWAIN) PRESIDENT MARTINS DENIED FRETILIN'S CLAIM TO REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF TIMOR. IT REPRESENTED "NO MORE, NO LESS" THAN THE COLONIAL TROOPS WHICH ENABLED IT TO TAKE POWER. ITS LEADER HAD BEEN "AN INFORMER FOR THE COLONIAL SECRET POLICE." HE AVOWED THAT UDT, APODETI, AND KOTA REPRESENTED AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF TIMOR'S POPULATION, AND KOTA, WHICH HAD ABOUT 28,000 MEMBERS, FAVORED CONTINUATION OF THE TRADITIONAL SOCIAL SYSTEM. AFTER DEPICTING TIMOR'S ECONOMIC PLIGHT, HE ASSERTED THAT PORTUGAL'S TALK OF PERMITTING TIMOR TO FREELY EXERCISE SELF-DETERMINATION WAS BELIED BY ITS ACTIONS. THE COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION HAD FAVORED FRETILIN, PROVIDED IT WITH WEAPONS AND TRAINING WHICH ENABLED IT TO GAIN CONTROL IN DILI AND OTHER AREAS. COUNTLESS ATROCITIES HAD BEEN COMMITTED BY FRETILIN, AND THIS CONVINCED THE OTHER PARTIES THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION WAS THE INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR AND ITS PEOPLE WITH THEIR INDONESIAN KINSMEN. PORTUGAL BORE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESENT CONDITION OF TIMOR AS, INSTEAD OF LIVING UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS AS ADMINISTERING POWER, IT HAD HELPED FRETILIN "TO IMPOSE ITS WILL BY ARMED FORCE." THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO FREELY EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. A REFERENDUM IN THE PRESENCE OF UN REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE HELD. IN THE COURSE OF HIS STATEMENT, MARTINS CITED ARTICLES FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES AND WALL STREET JOURNAL AS PROVING SOME OF HIS POINTS.

HARRY (AUSTRALIA) HOPED THAT THE SC, INSTEAD OF SEEKING TO APPORTION BLAME, WOULD PROPOSE PRACTICAL MEASURES TO ENABLE THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE. THE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT WAS FOR A CEASEFIRE WHICH WOULD SPARE FURTHER BLOODSHED AND CREATE A CLIMATE IN WHICH TALKS COULD BE RESUMED. SOME UN PRESENCE WAS REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, AN HE WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT THIS WAS DESIRED BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING INDONESIA. AUSTRALIA TOOK IT FOR GRANTED THAT THE SC WOULD REQUIRE A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, THAT IT WOULD BE OBSERVED, AND THAT INDONESIAN ELEMENTS WOULD WITHDRAW AS SOON AS

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FIGHTING BETWEEN THE POLITICAL PARTIES CEASED. HE HOPED THAT ALL POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE UN IN

RESUMING THE PROCESS OF ORDERLY DECOLONIZATION. AS A FIRST STEP, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (SYG) SHOULD BE ASKED TO APPOINT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO CONSULT WITH THE CONCERNED PARTIES, BOTH IN NEW YORK AND ON THE SPOT, AND RECOMMEND FURTHER ACTION.

GALVAO TELES (PORTUGAL) THEN SPOKE IN RIGHT OF REPLY, CHARGING INDONESIA WITH EXERCISING "A NEGATIVE INFLUENCE" ON PARTIES IN TIMOR TO JUSTIFY ITS INVASION. HE REJECTED INDONESIA'S CHARGES OF "NEGLIGENCE" BY PORTUGAL, AND ASSERTED THAT IF INDONESIA HAD REALLY WANTED TO RESTORE ORDER AND PEACE IN TIMOR, IT COULD HAVE BROUGHT THE MATTER BEFORE THE UN INSTEAD OF CARRYING OUT AN ARMED ATTACK.

PORTUGUESE TIMOR --

IN A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE, PORTUGUESE UN REPRESENTATIVE GALVAO TELES EXPRESSED PORTUGAL'S READINESS TO COOPERATE WITH THAT COMMITTEE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3485(XXX) CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF TIMOR. (OURTEL 6870)

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GA PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE --
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AT DECEMBER 16 PRESS CONFERENCE, GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT THORN (LUXEMBOURG) TOLD UN CORRESPONDENTS THE IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS GAINING GROUND AND THE ATMOSPHERE PRODUCED AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION HAS PREVAILED IN THE 30TH ASSEMBLY AND SHOULD GO THROUGH TO THE 31ST SESSION. HE THOUGHT THE MOST POSITIVE THING OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY WAS THE FACT THAT THE RESOLUTION ON TORTURE WAS NOT "SHIPWRECKED." THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS BECOME A GROWING MONSTER AND MUCH NEEDS TO BE DONE TO CORRECT IT, HE SAID, SUGGESTING THERE MIGHT BE MONTHS OF COMMITTEE PREPARATION AND SHORTER PLENARIES AND A SHORTER AGENDA. IN SPEAKING OF THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION, THORN SAID THE VOTE SHOULD NOT BE EXAGGERATED OR DRAMATIZED -- SOME REALIZED SINCE THE VOTE THAT ALL WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, THAT MARGINAL ASPECTS COULD LEAD TO REANALYSIS. IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE ASSEMBLY REFRAIN FROM VOTING WHEN IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT TERMS MEAN. HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT CONTRADICTORY RESOLUTIONS, WHICH HAD BECOME A MORE NOTICE-ABLE TREND, BUT HE DID NOT THINK THE UN HAD LOST CREDIBILITY BECAUSE OF IT. THE ASSEMBLY IS DEALING WITH PROBLEMS THAT CANNOT BE SOLVED BY WEALTHY POWERS; THE THIRD WORLD IS A NEW FACTOR; THERE IS A DESIRE FOR UNANIMITY AND NOT TO SLIGHT FRIENDS, WHICH HAS LED TO TWO RESOLUTIONS, AND THIS COULD LEAD TO PUTTING THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN AN UNFAVORABLE LIGHT. THE SOLUTION, IN THORN'S VIEW, IS AGREEMENT WITH QUALIFICATIONS ON ONE RESOLUTION.

GA PRESIDENT THORN ON ANGOLA --

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT THORN'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF DECEMBER 16, HE STATED THAT IF THE ANGOLA QUESTION BECOMES IMPORTANT ENOUGH IT WILL COME TO THE SC. A LOT WAS SAID IN THE GA LATHOUGH IT WAS NOT OFFICIALLY ON THE AGENDA, ESPECIALLY IN THE DECOLONIZATION DEBATE. THE UN HAS NOT DONE ALL IT SHOULD HAVE, BUT THE INITIATIVE IS FIRST WITH THE OAU, WHICH PERHAPS SHOULD BE "NUDGED" HARDER. IF OAU DOES NOT ACT, THE UN SHOULD. IF THE GA WASHES ITS HANDS OF THE PROBLEM IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE. THE QUESTION CANNOT BE ABANDONED, BUT THE OAU SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY IN FINDING AN AFRICAN SETTLEMENT. EX-COLONIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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POWERS ARE NATURALLY CAUTIOUS ON THE ISSUE BY NATURE BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT TO GET CAUGHT UP AGAIN. (REPEATED INFO ADDIS ABABA AND LISBON)

DECLARATION OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON ANGOLA --

UN CIRCILATED THE DECEMBER 12 DECLARATION BY THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES CONCERNING "SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLA" (A/10496). THE COMMITTEE CONDEMNS SOUTH AFRICA'S AGGRESSION AND CALLS FOR URGENT ACTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO SECURE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS. (OURTEL 6859)

UNDP MISSION TO COMORO ISLANDS --

A FIVE-MEMBER UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)-FUNDED MISSION TO ASSESS THE LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE NEEDS OF TH COMOROS ISLANDS ARRIVED ON DECEMBER 11 AND IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS SURVEY BY DECEMBER 20. THE MISSION WAS FIELDDED FOLLOWING A PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY UNDP DEPUTY RESIDENT REP IN MADAGASCAR MCADAMS, WHO VISITED THE ISLANDS FROM DECEMBER 4-6. IN HIS PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT, MCADAMS EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT A TOTAL COLLAPSE OF THE COMORIAN ECONOMY WAS IMMINENT. A SEVERE FOOD SHORTAGE EXISTED WHILE ROUGH SEAS EXPECTED AT THE END OF DECEMBER WOULD MAKE UNLOADING SHIPS VERY RISKY. THE NEXT HARVEST IS FIVE MONTHS AWAY AND THERE IS A LIKELY POSSIBILITY OF FAMINE IN URBAN AND ISOLATED RURAL AREAS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THE PENDING EVACUATION OF FRENCH CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL COULD PARALYZE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND SERVICES. COMORIAN OFFICIALS REQUESTED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWNG PRIORITY SECTORS: FOOD; CIVIL AVIATION; TREASURY; TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND JUSTICE.

FOLLOWING MCADAM'S RECOMMENDATION, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME
HAS APPROVED \$814,500 FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE AND
EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO SHIP 2500 TONS OF RICE, ENOUGH
TO FEED 250,000 PEOPLE FOR 90 DAYS (CAMORO POPULATION
EST. 325,000). THE NEW YORK TIMES CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON
COMOROS DECEMBER 15. (REPEATED INFO TANANARIVE)

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